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[Mike McGlinchey](#) returned to Notre Dame a month after committing to the Irish for the Blue-Gold Game, but the Philadelphia offensive lineman hasn't been back since.

That'll change this weekend.

"I'm coming in on Saturday morning," the 6-foot-9, 275-pounder from Penn Charter said. "I'm stoked. I'm ready to get back out and see everybody again."

McGlinchey will be joined by several of his fellow 2013 commits who are also taking their official visits this weekend.

"I'm looking forward to hanging out with all of the guys obviously; the guys that you're going to be a family with for the next five years and the coaching staff and seeing everybody, the players now," he said. "Just being a part of something that's been great all year, it's pretty special."

While McGlinchey hasn't been back to Notre Dame since April's spring game, he's stayed in touch with the Irish staff plenty and his recruiter – and future position coach – Harry Hiestand paid him a visit last Thursday.

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“He came to the school in the afternoon and then he came to my house later on that night,” McGlinchey said of the Irish offensive line coach. “He got to my house around seven and left around 10, 10:30.

“He’s a great guy. He’s a great coach. He’s obviously been very successful in what he’s done. He’s shaped those five guys up front into a machine that has gotten better and better every game this year. I’m just so excited to be able to go out and play for him. Having him come around just solidifies the fact of how fortunate I am to be able go out and play under him.”

McGlinchey felt comfortable enough with Hiestand to commit just after Notre Dame’s Junior Day in March and that comfort level was increased dramatically with last week’s visit.

“Absolutely,” he said. “You get to know him even more. We just sat around and talked for a while. We relaxed and didn’t talk about anything really serious. He’s from around my area, so he’s telling me about how he used to do the same exact stuff that my family does now.

“It was just pretty awesome. Every time you keep talking to people from Notre Dame, you keep getting the feeling that I made the right choice and I’ll do well.”

Notre Dame head coach Brian Kelly will be out to see McGlinchey sometime next month.

“I haven’t set it up yet, but I’m sure it’ll be some time after the game,” he said. “Coach Hiestand said he would figure it out.”

But for now, McGlinchey is just focused on having a great time this weekend with his future teammates.

“It’s going to be awesome.”